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**Letter dated 11 September 2012 from the Chargée d'affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Observer Mission of the League of Arab States to the
United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Pursuant to Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith resolution 7526, entitled "The occupation by the Islamic Republic of Iran of the three Arab islands in the Arabian Gulf belonging to the United Arab Emirates: the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa", adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its 138th ordinary session, held at the ministerial level in Cairo on 5 September 2012 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nasria E. Flitti
Chargée d'affaires a.i.



Annex to the letter dated 11 September 2012 from the Chargée d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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The occupation by the Islamic Republic of Iran of the three Arab islands in the Arabian Gulf belonging to the United Arab Emirates: the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa

The Council of the League at the ministerial level,

Having considered:

The note of the General Secretariat,

The report on the activities of the General Secretariat between sessions,

The recommendation of the Political Affairs Committee,

Guided by previous summit resolutions, the last of which was resolution 510 of the Sirte Summit (22nd ordinary session) dated 28 March 2010,

Reaffirming its earlier resolutions and communiqués on the same matter, the most recent of which were resolution 7310 (135th ordinary session) of 2 March 2011, and communiqué No. 168 of its extraordinary session of 26 April 2012,

Decides

1. To reaffirm without qualification the absolute sovereignty of the United Arab Emirates over its three islands of the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa and to support all peaceful measures taken and means adopted by the United Arab Emirates to recover sovereignty over the occupied islands;
2. To denounce the continued consolidation by the Iranian Government of its occupation of the three islands and its violation of the sovereignty of the United Arab Emirates, which can only undermine security and stability in the region and pose a threat to international peace and security;
3. To condemn the building by the Islamic Republic of Iran of housing facilities to settle Iranians on the three occupied islands of the United Arab Emirates;
4. To condemn the Iranian military manoeuvres being conducted also on the three occupied islands of the United Arab Emirates, namely, the Greater Tunb, the Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa, and in those islands' territorial waters, airspace, continental shelf and exclusive economic zone, which constitute an inseparable part of the United Arab Emirates; and to request that the Islamic Republic of Iran desist from such violations and acts of provocation, which constitute interference in the internal affairs of an independent, sovereign State, do not promote confidence-building, threaten security and stability in the region, and endanger the security and safety of regional and international navigation in the Arabian Gulf;
5. To condemn the opening by the Islamic Republic of Iran of two offices on the Abu Musa island, which belongs to the United Arab Emirates, and appeal to

that country to remove those illegal installations and respect the sovereignty of the United Arab Emirates over its territory;

6. To appeal once again to the Iranian Government to end its occupation of the three islands of the United Arab Emirates, refrain from trying to impose a fait accompli by force, desist from establishing any installations there for the purpose of modifying the islands' demographic composition, revoke all measures and remove all installations unilaterally executed by the Islamic Republic of Iran on the three Arab islands, inasmuch as such measures and claims are null and void, lack any legal effect, do not prejudice the established right of the United Arab Emirates over its three islands and are acts that run counter to the provisions of international law and the Geneva Conventions of 1949; and to call upon the Iranian Government to adopt peaceful means for resolving the dispute over them in accordance with the principles and norms of international law, including by consenting to refer the matter to the International Court of Justice;

7. To express the hope that the Islamic Republic of Iran will reconsider its position of rejecting the effort to find a peaceful solution to the issue of the three occupied islands of the United Arab Emirates either through direct, earnest negotiations or through recourse to the International Court of Justice;

8. To call upon the Islamic Republic of Iran to translate its stated desire for improved relations with the Arab countries and for dialogue and détente into tangible measures, in both word and deed, in the form of a genuine response to the earnest appeals made by His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, and by the States members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, the Arab States, international groups, friendly nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, calling for a peaceful solution to the dispute over the three occupied islands, in accordance with customary practice and the instruments and rules of international law, either through direct, earnest negotiations or through recourse to the International Court of Justice, with a view to building trust and enhancing security and stability in the Arabian Gulf region;

9. To have all Arab States undertake, in their contacts with the Islamic Republic of Iran, to raise the issue of that country's occupation of the three islands in order to stress the need to end it, based on the fact that the three islands are occupied Arab territory;

10. To inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the Security Council of the importance of maintaining the issue on the list of matters of which the Security Council is seized until the Islamic Republic of Iran ends its occupation of the three Arab islands and the United Arab Emirates regains full sovereignty over them;

11. To request the Secretary-General to follow up this matter and report to the Council at its next session.

(Resolution 7526 — 138th ordinary session — 5 September 2012)

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**United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:
draft resolution**

The Security Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions and the statements of its President concerning the situation in Sierra Leone, in particular resolution 2005 (2011) and Presidential Statement 11 (2012),

Welcoming the ninth report of the Secretary-General dated 4 September 2012 (S/2012/679) and taking note of its recommendations,

Welcoming the steady progress achieved by the Government and people of Sierra Leone towards achieving peace and stability and in laying the ground for Sierra Leone's long-term development,

Welcoming the efforts made in preparation for the presidential, parliamentary and local elections on 17 November 2012, in particular, signing of the "Declaration on the 2012 elections" by Sierra Leone's major stakeholders, successful conduct of the voter registration, efforts to improve police mobility and effectiveness, inauguration of the Electoral Offences Courts, adoption of the Public Elections Law, and efforts to promote political participation and tolerance among the civil society,

Underlining the importance of these elections and the wide acceptance of the results as a key benchmark for consolidation of peace in Sierra Leone, *further underlining* the need for all national and international stakeholders to continue efforts to foster an environment that is conducive to the holding of inclusive, peaceful and credible elections, and *emphasizing* the need for national authorities to remain committed to inclusive political dialogue and to providing a conducive security environment for the elections, and *further emphasizing* the important and positive role that the media can play through accurate and balanced reporting,

Welcoming the important role played by the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (UNIPSIL), the United Nations country team, bilateral and international partners in supporting Sierra Leone to prepare for the elections, *noting* in particular efforts to improve the capacity and effectiveness of the national democratic, electoral and security institutions, promote inclusive political dialogue between the national stakeholders, promote a culture of non-violence and ensure the safe, full and equal participation of all sections of society, in particular women in the electoral process, and *emphasizing* the need for Sierra Leone's partners to continue providing technical, financial and political



support to the electoral process, including through the provision of electoral observers,

Welcoming the steady progress the Government has made in implementing the Agenda for Change, in particular steps taken to sustain macroeconomic stability, promote gender equality, improve youth engagement, improve access to justice and human rights and strengthen the Government's management of the extractive industries, and *commending* the valuable contribution of UNIPSIL, the United Nations country team and the international community to the peacebuilding and development priorities in Sierra Leone, and in particular through the integrated United Nations Joint Vision and the Transitional Joint Vision,

Recognizing the continuing challenges posed by transnational organized crime, including illicit activities such as money-laundering and drug trafficking, and corruption, *welcoming* the progress made by the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Transnational Organized Crime Unit (TOCU), under the West Africa Coast Initiative (WACI), and *emphasizing* the need for continued national and international support to the TOCU in order to ensure its sustainability,

Commending the Government for recognising the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peacebuilding, and its efforts to implement the Security Council Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security and on sexual and gender-based violence, and *welcoming* the launch of a National Gender Strategic Plan, the establishment of the National Committee on Gender-Based Violence and the adoption of the Sexual Offences Act,

Welcoming current efforts to develop Sierra Leone's Agenda for Prosperity, including through the conduct of a fragility assessment under the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States, *emphasizing* the need to retain the peace, security and development nexus in future planning to ensure that progress achieved thus far is sustained, and *further emphasizing* the importance of continued integrated support of the United Nations system, bilateral and international partners to the Agenda for Prosperity, in order to ensure that international support is delivered in a coordinated and effective manner,

Reiterating its appreciation for the work of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, *welcoming* the verdict in the trial of Charles Taylor and taking note of the proposed appeals, *calling upon* Member States to contribute generously to the Court and to the implementation of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone Agreement,

Recalling that the responsibility for controlling the circulation of small arms and light weapons within the territory of Sierra Leone and between Sierra Leone and neighbouring States rests with the relevant governmental authorities in accordance with the Economic Community of West African States Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons of 2006, *taking note* of the adoption of the Arms and Ammunitions Act and *reiterating* the need for further progress on the implementation of the national action plan on Small Arms,

Welcoming the role played by the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States and the Mano River Union, in support of Sierra Leone's peacebuilding and development goals, and *encouraging* these and other regional organizations to continue their dialogue aimed at consolidating regional peace and security,

Welcoming the role of the Peacebuilding Commission and the Peacebuilding Fund in supporting peacebuilding efforts in Sierra Leone,

1. *Decides* that the mandate of UNIPSIL, as set out in resolution 2005 (2011), shall be extended until 31 March 2013;

2. *Calls upon* the Government of Sierra Leone, all political parties and their supporters, as well as the Sierra Leonean people, including the media, to continue to foster an environment that is conducive to the holding of peaceful, inclusive and credible elections, including through open, genuine and inclusive dialogue to address possible differences, and to respect the outcome of the elections;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of Sierra Leone to ensure that its security agencies, in particular the Sierra Leone Police, respond in an impartial, proportionate and effective way to security threats during and after the elections, and remain committed to upholding human rights and applicable international law; and *urges* the Government to accelerate efforts to establish the Independent Police Complaints Commission and to address the recommendations of the Shears-Moses Inquiry report;

4. *Calls upon* all political parties to promote a culture of non-violence, including by ensuring full implementation of the provisions of the 2 April 2009 Joint Communiqué, ensure their supporters adhere to the political parties code of conduct, honour the agreement reached in the 18 May 2012 "Declaration on the 2012 elections", refrain from manipulating children in electoral processes and continue to engage in dialogue through the Political Parties Registration Commission and other relevant forums;

5. *Calls upon* Sierra Leone's electoral institutions, in particular the National Electoral Commission and the Political Parties Registration Commission to ensure that the preparations and conduct of the elections proceed in a peaceful, inclusive and credible manner, including through the full participation of women both as voters and as candidates, strengthen voter information and education, promote dialogue to resolve conflicts as well as political tolerance and non-violence; *urges* the Independent Media Commission to ensure compliance with the Media Code of Practice, and *emphasizes* the need for media practitioners to remain committed to providing professional, independent, and factual coverage and to promoting public education and dialogue during the electoral period;

6. *Requests* UNIPSIL, in conjunction with the United Nations country team and the international community, to continue providing assistance to the Government and its electoral, democratic and security institutions, as requested, in the preparation and conduct of the elections and to continue providing advice and assistance to all relevant stakeholders, including civil society and the media, in order to ensure that they are able to make a positive contribution to the electoral process; *further requests* UNIPSIL to provide assistance to conflict prevention and mitigation efforts, including through promoting the role of women in conflict prevention and supporting genuine and inclusive dialogue among political parties, the Government and all relevant stakeholders; *finally requests* the Secretary-General to provide a briefing to the Council on the conduct and outcome of the elections shortly after their completion;

7. *Emphasizes* that the Government of Sierra Leone bears the primary responsibility for peacebuilding and long-term development in the country, and

urges the national authorities to continue implementation of the Agenda for Change until it expires;

8. *Urges* the Government to continue its efforts to hold regular, inclusive and genuine dialogue with all relevant national and international stakeholders on Sierra Leone's peacebuilding and development goals; and *further urges* the Government to ensure that the forthcoming Agenda for Prosperity continues to build on progress achieved in strengthening the political, security, justice and human rights institutions in the country, including through implementation of the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Sierra Leone's Universal Periodic Review;

9. *Calls upon* the Government of Sierra Leone to continue enhancing the effectiveness of the Transnational Organized Crime Unit, including by addressing concerns about its sustainability and to strengthen coordination with regional countries through the WACI, and *further calls upon* the Government to continue its efforts to strengthen the Anti-Corruption Commission and improve the management of the extractive industries;

10. *Encourages* the Government of Sierra Leone to continue implementing the National Gender Strategic Plan and the Sierra Leone National Action Plan to address Gender-Based Violence; and *further encourages* the Government to continue efforts to improve youth employment and empowerment and reduce socioeconomic inequalities;

11. *Requests* UNIPSIL, in conjunction with the United Nations country team, and bilateral and international partners, to continue providing integrated support to Sierra Leone to meet its peacebuilding and development priorities, as outlined in the Agenda for Change, including through strengthening capacity building of national political, security, human rights and rule of law institutions, promoting good governance and accountability, promoting gender and social equality, strengthening human rights protection, supporting efforts to improve youth empowerment and strengthening efforts to tackle transnational organized crime including illicit activities such as money-laundering and drug trafficking;

12. *Requests* UNIPSIL, in conjunction with the United Nations country team, bilateral and international partners, to continue engaging constructively with the Sierra Leone national authorities in the formulation of the Agenda for Prosperity and in coordinating an integrated international response to it, in order to ensure that the efforts by the United Nations, bilateral and international partners on the ground continue to be coherent and effectively coordinated;

13. *Encourages* the Peacebuilding Commission to continue providing support to the Government of Sierra Leone, UNIPSIL and the United Nations country team in the preparation and conduct of the 2012 elections, to advocate for the continued implementation of the Agenda for Change until it expires, the balanced development of the Agenda for Prosperity and the strengthening of mechanisms aimed at ensuring the timeliness and predictability of national and international funding for peacebuilding and development priorities, including through promoting increased South-South cooperation; and *requests* the Peacebuilding Commission to keep the Council regularly updated on progress made and to review its engagement with Sierra Leone following the successful completion of the elections and in line with the drawdown of UNIPSIL;

14. *Requests* UNIPSIL, in collaboration with the United Nations country team, the Government of Sierra Leone and bilateral and international partners to continue preparations for the transition of UNIPSIL, and in this regard *requests* the Secretary-General to deploy an inter-agency technical assessment mission to Sierra Leone to conduct a review of progress made in the implementation of UNIPSIL's mandate and to provide a report, for the consideration of the Council, containing detailed proposals and a recommended timeline for the transition, drawdown and exit strategy of UNIPSIL by no later than 15 February 2013;

15. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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**Letter dated 10 September 2012 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL), established by the Security Council in its resolution 2009 (2011).

Following the usual consultations, I should like to inform you of my intention to appoint Mr. Tarek Mitri (Lebanon) as my new Special Representative for Libya and Head of UNSMIL. He will succeed Mr. Ian Martin (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), who will complete his assignment on 14 October 2012. Mr. Mitri's curriculum vitae is attached (see annex). I should like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Mr. Martin for his dedicated service during his tenure at UNSMIL.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) **BAN Ki-moon**



Annex***Curriculum vitae****Tarek Mitri (Lebanon)**

Born in Tripoli, Lebanon, on 16 September 1950

- Professor, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Chair on Dialogue, Saint Joseph University, Beirut
- Senior Fellow, American University of Beirut, Fares Center for Public Policy and International Affairs September 2011-present
- Minister of Information (Lebanon) July 2008-June 2011
- Minister of Culture July 2005-July 2008
- Minister for Foreign Affairs a.i. November 2006-May 2008
- Minister of Environment April 2005-July 2005
- Minister of Administrative Reform April 2005-July 2005
- Coordinator, Office of Interreligious Relations and Dialogue, World Council of Churches, Geneva (1991-2005). Areas of activity: dialogue, mediation, reconciliation
- Visiting faculty member: Harvard University (2003), Amsterdam Free University (1996-1997)
- Part-time faculty member: University of Geneva (2004, 2002, 2000 and 1998); University of Balamand (1983-2005); Saint Joseph University (1984-1988)
- Programme Director, Christian-Muslim Dialogue, Middle East Council of Churches (1984-1991). Areas of activity: Christian-Muslim relations, programme coordination of centers for study of Islam and Christian-Muslim relations
- Regional Secretary for the Middle East, World Student Christian Federation (1974-1983)

Education

- Doctor of Political Science, University of Paris-X, 1986
- Master of Philosophy, American University of Beirut, 1978
- Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy), American University of Beirut, 1974

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.